

# Kincardine United Church Advent 2 & White Gift Intergenerational Service December 10, 2017 10:30 a.m.

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

# Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

\*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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**PRELUDE** Carol sing

WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### **GOD GATHERS US**

MUSICAL INTROIT Prelude

Fredrich Schneider

# **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

In this season of expectant waiting, we fear the conflict all around us as we long for peace.

So many wars. So much destruction. Too many deaths. Too much loss. So much money wasted. So many lives spent. Too much tragedy spread.

God's goodness commands us to work for peace.

We revere the goodness that celebrates uniqueness, that enlivens pleasure, that preserves treasures between strangers, between friends, between enemies.

As we look closely at each other, we see in each face the reason for harmony –while peace flames into resolve.

(The second Advent Candle is lit)

SUNG RESPONSE "All the Wonder that Surrounds Us"
Words by Iona Community (used with permission) (tune #227 Voices United)
How can we revere God's goodness meant for all time?
How ensure that each uniqueness keeps in its prime?
How can we revere with pleasure all God gives for life and leisure,
how preserve each earthly treasure meant for all time?

\*VOICES UNITED 18 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

SHARING TIME "Pippin the Christmas Pig" by Jean Little & Werner Zimmerman

**VOICES UNITED 69** Away in a Manger

**SHARING TIME** "Pippin the Christmas Pig" by Jean Little & Werner Zimmerman

MORE VOICES 157 I Am a Child of God

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**ANTHEM** Hurry, Hurry to Bethlehem

**BIBLE READING** Mark 1:1-8 from the paraphrase *The Message* 

#### **GLORIA**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**MEDITATION** "Offering Our Selves for Peace"

# **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

## **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

# OFFERING INVITATION, WHITE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY

Offertoire C.A. Chauvet

\*OFFERTORY HYMN 541 VU Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One. READING OUR SELF-OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)
We offer our selves and our gifts to the world.
Bless us in our giving. Bless us in our understanding.
Bless us in our growing. Bless us in our reaching out.
May who we are becoming follow your Way of humility. Amen.

\*VOICES UNITED 58 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

\*BENEDICTION

\*SONG OF COMMITMENT 37 VU Gloria
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Wachet Auf J.G. Walther



AV MINISTRY TEAM 🖨 Thank you

COUNTERS & Ralph & Mary-Ann Knowles

**DECEMBER HOUSE LEADER** A Sheila Bauer

NURSERY ATTENDANT ◆ Cindy Crowley
SCRIPTURE READER □ Joan Norris

**WORSHIP** II Gord Dunbar